



# Veritas

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## Robert C. Paterson '41

Robert first became acquainted with Selwyn House as a student between 1934 and 1941. He returned in 1965 to join the Board where he acted as Treasurer for the next five years before becoming Chairman of the Board in 1970. During the following two years he oversaw the transition of headmasters upon Dr. Speirs' retirement in 1970. He retired from the Board in 1975.

Robert will always be remembered for the gracious and urbane manner in which he dealt with the Board, Faculty and Students. His skillful leadership in times of political, social and educational change meant much to those entrusted with the school's direction and administration.

After retiring from the Royal Bank of Canada as Senior Executive Vice-President, he was appointed chairman of Royal Bank Investment Management.

Robert and his wife, Ann, currently live in Toronto, (next door to Eddie Ballon '39, who is also a Speirs Medal recipient, 1988) and they are the parents of Hartland '73, Alex '74 and daughters, Elspeth and Ann.



Photo by Thomas Koningsthal '74

### Mr. Robert C. Paterson '41

Robert's continued interest in Selwyn House is always in evidence with the keen support of the School which he elicits at every opportunity.

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## Looking at Selwyn House

Selwyn House is indeed having a close look at itself this year. The School is in the process of a self-study which was begun last April and will reach completion in April 1990. The goal is accreditation by the Canadian Education Standards Institute, (C.E.S.I.), an organization dedicated to maintaining standards in independent Schools, but the entire process from start to finish is in itself a valuable exercise.

Thirty-five internal committees have been struck, concerning themselves with such diverse areas as physical plant, professional development, academic programmes, and relations with the broader community. Each committee will prepare a report and a self study

document will be compiled. The mandate of each committee is to describe current progress and procedures, to evaluate these against the Statement of Purpose and the nine standards laid down by CESI, and to make recommendations on how to eliminate any discrepancies which might appear.

A visiting committee composed of ten to twelve administrators and educators will spend four days at the school in April. Having read the self-study document prior to their arrival, their job is to judge whether or not Selwyn House is in fact doing what it claims to do in its Statement of Purpose and if the nine CESI Standards are being

met. The Committee will write a report and make recommendations on how Selwyn House might improve itself as regards the Statement of Purpose and the CESI standards.

The self-evaluation process involves the entire community of S.H.S: Old Boys, parents, student faculty, staff and even the broader community around the school. Because school life is continuing normally as this study goes on, it is an extremely busy time for all involved. Yet it will be well worth the effort for this process will enable Selwyn House to maintain its standards and plan ahead. Looking at Selwyn House should reveal the past, describe the present, and lay the groundwork for the future.

# Moo's Memories

It has been long since I dared to venture inside a classroom during working hours, so that I have no idea what changes in method time has brought. But the swarms of students who periodically infest my usual stationer's suggest that the word-processor has not yet made the pen obsolete, and that homework is not yet submitted by fax.

When I first joined Selwyn House, every boy in the senior school had to furnish himself with a cheap fountain-pen; the ball-point was only just creeping into the market. "Cheap" was a tactical error, for it ensured that any pretence at elegant, or even legible, writing taught in the junior school was soon banished. It also involved me, very soon, in a charge of petty larceny. One boy (whom I can still name, but will not) complained to Mrs. Howis that not only had he lost his fountain-pen, but that he had seen me using it. Perhaps it was fortunate that he had not the courage to approach Dr. Speirs about it. The matter was soon resolved, but it left me with mixed feelings. Not the least was resentment that the expensive presentation pen I was rather proud of should have been duplicated in appearance by the wares available at Woolworth's.

This rule did have one virtue, from the point of view of teachers. It eliminated much of the perverted fun which writing materials had previously afforded their pupils.

The old-fashioned steel pen-nibs which had to be dipped into the ink every line or so had their horrors. Not only did they in time become unfit for further service and have to be replaced from the stock in the teacher's desk; boyish ingenuity contrived a variety of ways of rendering them unserviceable. The prongs had a tendency to become crossed -- a result, more often than not, of being used to prod the boy in the seat in front. At times they might even break off, leaving a pair of deadly points in their place. In that condition, the disabled nib was ideal armament for mounting on the prow of a paper dart, so that when the missile was

furtively tossed across the room it would pin itself to the wall or the blackboard, or any other target.

The blotting-paper which had to be issued as an adjunct also had its nuisance value, but only among the more uncouth. It made far more effective "spitballs" than ordinary exercise paper. But in the classes I tried to control that was happily less popular than elsewhere. The greater menace came from the individual inkwells with which each desk was fitted.

Overfilling the inkwell was of course a ready means of making trouble, either by the danger of spilling, or by smearing books with ink in incautious moments. But that could be averted by the device of appointing an official inkslinger with exclusive rights to replenishing inkwells -- and the knowledge that he would be blamed if they were overfilled. The rabble had to rely upon other methods of vandalism.

Space precludes a detailed account, but two of the more usual come to mind.

The simplest was to drop a fragment of blackboard chalk into the inkwell. In the first place, it did something to the quality of the ink, especially if it were mixed from the cheap powder which most schools found more economical than real ink. It produced the appearance of having tried to write with dishwasher--unless the nib, recklessly plunged into the inkwell, had become clogged with the chalk. The effect then was striking indeed. Above all, it was an effective time-wasting device, if the complaints of the victim should lead to an inquest.

At one time there was an even more satisfactory form of sabotage, though progress ended that. In those days boys were not delivered to school by private automobiles or public transport. They arrived either on foot or, with the more privileged, upon bicycles and no bicycle was complete without its lamp for use after dark. Before pocket batteries dominated the market, the humbler still burnt oil in their lamps;

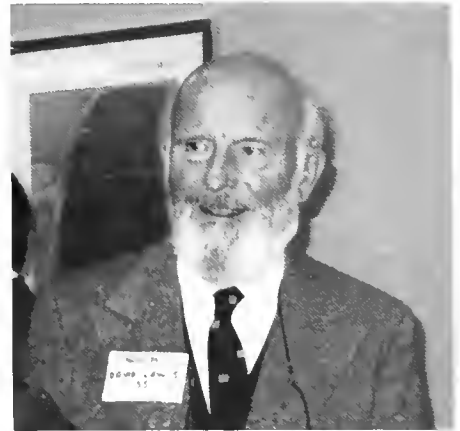
the current status symbol was an elaborate acetylene lamp. Only the more venerable Old Boys, I suspect, can now visualize those impressive artifacts. Then, even the meanest of children could somehow come into possession of tiny chunks of calcium carbide which fuelled them. And a piece of calcium carbide in an inkwell was the means *par excellence* of causing chaos in the classroom. To the unsuspecting victim, the sudden effervescence in his ink was an alarming phenomenon, as well as a harbinger of trouble, for there was nothing he could do to stem the flow of the stench with which the escaping gas filled the room. Fortunately, it was a diversion which was rarely resorted to -- less because of the probable reprisals than because too frequent use would have destroyed the novelty.

To these memories of bygone horrors I can add one which few who read this will be able to recall. In the early years of the Second War, in Britain, it soon became apparent that economy in the use of paper was necessary. Where my then headmaster discovered the things I have no idea, but he was able to introduce a supply of slates to replace the ordinary work-books. Only those who have had to endure it can really understand the potential nuisance value of such a device. Boys very quickly learnt that with dexterity they could make their slate-pencils emit shrill screeches which set the teeth on edge. The effect of a score of seemingly innocent boys accidentally producing such excruciating sounds in concert is more than words can convey.

Fortunately I did not have to cope with that for long. Soon afterwards I found myself in uniform -- and quickly discovered why there was so little paper to spare for classroom exercises.

How, I wonder, do boys make themselves nuisances now? Or has life become so earnest for them in this complex world that coping with such things is no longer a part of a teacher's responsibilities?

# Why the "House" in Selwyn House



*"Mystery of musty old England"*

*"House, no House...  
What's it matter anyway?"*

*"Selwyn House must have been  
regarded as a sweat shop!"*

By Dr. David Lewis '35

Some things you should take for granted, but they still worry away at you over the years. I entered Selwyn House in 1927, and was in the customary state of shock for some time, so I can't say when it was that I began to be puzzled about the word "House" in "Selwyn House School". It may have been years later, but it was one of the questions which nagged and nagged as I was processed first on Mackay street and then on Redpath street and in due course passed out to other educational pastures. Over the Easter

## Dornford Yates

Holidays of this year there came a chance to confront the mystery which had always been avoided whenever I ventured to ask anyone about it. "House, no House... What's it matter anyway? Some mystery of musty old England, whence all our teachers come on the last Cunard Liner into the harbour before school opened and leave on the first sailing after Sports Day". That might be a typical reply to my House questions.

My interest was stimulated when I was introduced to the writings of Dornford Yates by another Selwynite, Rev. Eric Hutchison, a fellow 1935 classmate, who practises psychoanalysis in Cambridge now. Dornford Yates' books were about witty, upper class, English, young adults who dashed around the U.K. and fashionable Europe in sports cars with beautiful girls. In a word, the sparking Flower Children of the thirsty Thirties. One or some of them had been at the "The House". Could that House be the answer?

Well, no. The Dornford Yates House turned out to be an In-nickname for Christ Church College in Oxford, and Selwyn College was known to be in Cambridge. So there was no help there.

Earlier this year an opportunity to clear up the "House" question came when attending a Symposium at Cambridge University.

The proceedings of the Symposium were to be held in Selwyn College. Those attending were offered accommodation in holiday-vacated student quarters in Selwyn College. My wife, Kit, and I occupied two of the student cells. Now we were really getting to grips with the "House" problem.

I hoped to learn why it was "Selwyn House" rather than "Selwyn College", or

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# Selwyn House

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## “House or College”

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just plain simple “Selwyn”. After all the question had been finessed in Mr. Moodey’s and Dr. Speirs’ otherwise excellent book “Veritas”.

Once we were there, two Selwyn College historical leaflets seemed to bring more light. They point out that the name “Selwyn” came from one of those remarkable missionaries who did so much to expand and inflate the British Empire of the 19th and early 20th Centuries.

George Augustus Selwyn lived from 1809 to 1878. He was the first Bishop of New Zealand, presiding from 1841 to 1868. He graduated from St. John’s College, in Cambridge. His College was

to pass on a splendid portrait of him by George Richmond to Selwyn College when founded. It now hangs in the dining hall.

Selwyn was a robust Cambridge undergraduate who rowed in the first Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race in 1829, unsuccessfully, it would appear. Before going to New Zealand as Bishop in 1841 he had schooled himself in the Maori Language and learned ocean navigation. Once there he traveled about his bishopric by sea as well as land and raised the Anglican cross on more South Sea Islands than a landlubbing missionary might ever have reached. He established the New Zealand synodical church government, developed an anglican Maori priesthood. His fluency in Maori is reported to have made him suspect to both sides in the first Maori War.

At home he must have maintained better relationships. He was saluted

together with Rajah Brookes of Sarawak as “pure and heroic” examples of their highest type of English virtue in Charles Kingsley’s dedication of his novel, “Westward Ho!” in 1855.

He was made Bishop of Lichfield on his return to Britain in 1868 and held the post until the end of his life.

Shortly after his death in 1878 his admirers began to move towards the creation of Selwyn College as a memorial

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## Money & Religion

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to this vigorous achiever. The foundation of Selwyn College in 1882 was not accepted by the university as a full College until 1926 after a Board of Inquiry into the university. This is why for four decades Selwyn had to be satisfied with the name of Selwyn House rather than as a College. The official terminology was even more diminishing, that is, “Public Hostel”, or housing for students to live in while they pursued their studies wherever they could negotiate the teaching. Our source\*\* indicates that time in residence was probably more regarded than teaching and tutorship. In fact, teachers were few and there were no official tutors in the Oxford and Cambridge sense for much of the “House” decades.

Most of the obstructions were largely due to money of which there was very little. This prevented Selwyn from providing the dignitaries, teachers, proctors and fees which the University required to grant its authority and



Redpath – Yesteryear

## Selwyn College Today

patronage. Others were related to religion. Selwyn House must have been regarded as a sweat shop for the preparation of Anglican clergymen for the parishes of the British Isles and the empire that Selwyn had done so much to erect. The degree might have been more important than the learning they gained. The University did show a very modern trend in insisting that there was not to be religious exclusion, whereas Selwyn was staunchly Anglican.

This led to a long struggle for existence which was full of cut and scrape. In a word Selwyn lacked the financial backing which has brought Selwyn House School ahead through the years since the death of Mr. Wanstall.

In spite of all this, over the years buildings went up and now it is an elegant collection of buildings with a beautiful Victoria Chapel and Dining



Lucas Building Today

Hall. These and student accommodation and classrooms surround a quadrangular green. There is a modern off campus student block, Cripps Court, kitty-corner across the intersection of Cranmer and Grange Roads. A main attraction is the imposing Gatehouse, which like the remainder of the buildings is in tasteful matching gingerbread Perpendicular.

Nevertheless, our first headmaster at Selwyn House School had to use oil lamps and earth toilet facilities throughout his studentship. Water

closets and electricity came in 1913, a decade after his graduation.

The 1926 Board of Inquiry justified the existence of Selwyn as a College of Cambridge. By this time Selwyn House had been our name for sixteen years, and is likely to stay as such.

The story helps us to understand what was meant by this "House" in our title, and why Algernon Lucas graduated with a degree in Divinity. Perhaps this story also gives us at least a suspicion as to why he never went on to ordination.



Macaulay Building Today

\* Moody, E.C. and Speirs, R.A., Veritas, A History of Selwyn House School, Montreal, 1908 - 1978. Selwyn House Association, Westmount, Quebec, 1978.

\*\*1 The Masters, Fellows and Scholars, Selwyn College, "Selwyn College, 1882-1973", Cambridge, 1973.

2. Selwyn College, Cambridge, Admissions Prospectus, 1991-1992

# Founder's Day 1990

This year's Founder's Day started off with a morning assembly of the whole School, at which the Headmaster commented on how busy the term had been, especially in community service and fundraising such as the Kidney Foundation, UNICEF, Food to the Christ Church Cathedral Drop-in Center, Terry Fox Run and a Work-bee at The Women's Shelter, to name a few.

He then spoke about our founder, Captain Algernon Lucas, in whose honour we celebrate this day.

He then went on to speak about Dr. Robert Speirs who was the Headmaster from 1944 to 1971 and in whose memory the Speirs Medal is being presented.

It was then that the academic Honour Roll was read out and the Cum Laude awards were made. The following were this year's recipients: Nicholas Brown, Prosanto Chaudhury, Michael Echenberg, Ansar



Telling it as it was!

Hassan and Matthew Pelton were honoured for their accomplishments in Grade 10; while Michael Henderson, David Price, Warren Samberg and Warren Valdmanis returned as "Old Boys" to receive recognition for excellence in last year's Grade 11 class. In addition, Hélène Bourduas and Martin Rondeau of the faculty were elected members of the Cum Laude Society.

Robert Paterson, this year's recipient of the Speirs Medal then addressed the School after which the Head Prefect, Lucas Carsley, thanked him on behalf of the students and faculty.

At the evening reception the Headmaster welcomed the Selwyn House Community of

Alumni, past and present Parents and Friends. Tom Birks, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, introduced Robert Paterson and then asked Kari Von Muensch, Dr. Speirs' grand-daughter, to present him with the Speirs Medal. Robert's wife, Ann, was presented with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the students by Lucas Carsley.

Robert then addressed the gathering (see text of his speech Page 12).

William Hesler, Chairman of Annual Giving, completed the formalities by encouraging all "to be a part" of this year's campaign. He stated, as in the past, that

universal participation still remains the main goal and that he looked forward to equalling or even bettering last year's success. Thus the campaign was launched!



Ted Schopflochler '88 & Ron Simpson '90  
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Ian Aitken '81 & Ian Brydon '81



# Paterson Recollections

At the time of my birth no one could have been closer to Selwyn House for my parents' home was directly across the street from the school on Redpath Street. When I was four my brother, Jim, went to Selwyn and I had to watch from my window all the fun I was missing. Boys arrived in the morning shoving and pushing and swinging school bags at each other's head. At break it

was fifth form, then the oldest boys, against the rest of the school in a game of passing a tennis ball in a gravelled area which was our hockey rink in winter. This game involved a good deal of pocket ripping and knees scraped out of the britches we wore then. I couldn't wait to join the fun and asked as a present on my sixth birthday that I be allowed to go to the school.



Robert & Ann Paterson

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Marc Vinh '88, Tony Browne '90, Jonathon Taylor '91 and Brad Moffat



William Hesler '58, Tom Birks '61, Kari Muensch & Elaine Muensch



Joann & William Mitchell with Roswell James '72



Tassy & David McEntyre with Jamie Ritchie '88

## Selwyn House

# Toronto Reunion

Reed Ballon '81, Vice-President, called the Toronto Chapter of the Old Boys' Association to order, at the Fall Cocktail Party, which was held at The Albany Club on Monday, November 19, 1990.

A short business meeting was held at which time the minutes of the 1989 Annual Meeting were approved. The following Slate of Officers was presented and unanimously approved: President - David Stewart '69; Vice-President - Thomas Antony '83; and Secretary - Bruce Williams '77.

Reed went on to introduce the Headmaster, William Mitchell, who reported on the various academic, social and athletic activities of the School. He noted that 98% of the 1990 Graduating Class were accepted into the schools of their first choice.

He also stated that the School was in the process of an evaluation by the Canadian Educational Standards Institute. A visiting team from the CESI will be at the school in April and will present their report in June.

An exciting opportunity was presented to the School in the form of an invitation to the Headmaster by the Mitsui Canada Foundation to become a member of the 1990 Canadian Educators' Study Tour to Japan.

Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, President of the Old Boys' Association, was also present. He brought greetings from the Association and informed those present of the various activities in which the Association is



Richard Small '76, David Stewart '69 (President), William Mitchell

involved. His main concern was to keep in touch with the Old Boys and to stimulate continued interest in Selwyn House.

Some of the activities mentioned were, the Phonathon, restructuring the communications system of the class reps and the active participation in inter-school alumni Hockey and Baseball games, as well as the Annual Invitational Ball Hockey Tournament which is held as part of the Montreal Old Boys' Reunion Week-End. (April 26 - 29, 1991).



Reed Ballon '81, Brian Dawson '80 & Thomas Antony '83 (Vice-President)



Alexander Gault '80 & Saxe Brickenden '74



He encouraged all to be a part of this year's Annual Giving, remembering that participation is more important than the donation itself. He thanked all those in Toronto who work to make the activities of this chapter come to fruition, which in turn strengthens the whole Association.

David Williams, Director of the Alumni, spoke of gearing up for the Montreal Reunion Weekend at

which the Classes of 1941, 1966 and 1981 will be celebrated in fine style.

He encouraged all who find themselves in Montreal to visit the School where they would be warmly received.

We look forward to seeing you and your spouse or escort at the next gathering which will be the Toronto Spring Cocktail at the Albany Club on April 8, 1991.

## Good time had by all!



Mark and Mary Davidson '78



Tom Birks '61, Peter Nobbs '57 & Alexis Troubetzkoy



Chris Donald '82 & Robbie Drummond '84



Denny Creighton '72 & Bruce Barker '66

# Calgary Reunion

The Calgary Branch hosted a reception for Alumni and Friends of the School to coincide with the time of the CAIS Conference. Thanks to John Drummond '67, there was an excellent turnout of those available in the area. We always enjoy these opportunities to get together with those who remain interested in the school and to keep them informed on what is going on "back home".



Jim McDougall '68 & John Drummond '67



John and Lorraine Light '70



Taylor Gray '73 & David Lewis '35



Andrew Weldon '73



Bob Christie '39



Stephen Ludgate '71

## Phonathon '90

At work on the phones!



Top Row:

Pippo de Leonardis '82  
Trevor Ham '87  
Graeme Tennant '61

Bottom Row:

Gordon McLean '78  
David Verchere '86  
Dom Lehnert '86  
Andrew Duffield '86

# Ottawa Reunion



Tony and Laurie Stapleton '70 & Cynthia and Peter Stewart '81 Ottawa (Chairman)



William Mitchell, Lynne and David Terroux '54



Douglas Bourne '30 & Tony Bogert '50



John Starnes '29 and the boys of '61, Graeme Tennant, Tony Stikeman & Ivan Ralston

On Monday, October 22, 1990 some 20 Old Boys and Friends of the School attended a Cocktail Party, which was held at the Ottawa Westin Hotel. It was encouraging to see new faces.

Arrangements for this function were organized by Peter Stewart '81 and his wife, Cynthia. The Headmaster, William Mitchell, Jaime McMillan, Director of Records & Development, David Williams, Director of Alumni, and Jack Martin, Senior Master, brought greetings from the School. The Headmaster gave a brief talk on the School's opening weeks and David Williams brought everyone up to date on last year's Annual Giving Campaign and encouraged all to take an active part in this year's campaign.

Amongst those present we were pleased to meet with Graeme '61 and Bobby Tennant '66, Gordon Peters '58 and Probal Lala '83. Also renewing old friendships were Douglas Bourne '30 and John Starnes '29. It was pleasing to see the interest in the School shown by all as they reminisced about their days at Selwyn House whether on Mackay St., Redpath or Côte St. Antoine. We now look forward to a contingent of Ottawa Old Boys at the Montreal Reunion in May, 1991.

# Selwyn House

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## Recollections cont'd

(from page 7)

which I did on April 9, 1934. By now you probably have serious doubts about my intelligence.

Now back to the serious business of today. My time at this school was shortened by the war - my father went overseas in 1941 and Jim and I and quite a few others left here for Trinity College School to be boarders. The teachers had done well by us for we had an easy time at T.C.S. and our marks were higher than when we were here. It was great having friends from here to face a strange school. Most of our class was reunited at McGill in 1945 and many of them I see regularly today. There were about fifteen to a class and it was the custom that the whole class came to each others birthday party. The best party was Edgar Bronfman's. In those days children under sixteen were not admitted to movie theatres because a disastrous fire had killed many young people. Edgar's party started at the office of the M.G.M. distributor which had a small screening room and the movie we saw was the only film we would see in Montreal that year.

Little of classroom work sticks in my memory except for a grounding in grammar, spelling, précis and essays. My lessons continued when later on John Marler was on the Board with me and he could not help asking me frequently, do you mean this or that, for he had the most precise command of our language of any one I knew. What an advantage it is in your careers to communicate

effectively as many schools cripple their students in this respect.

I was not athletic, but we all participated. In 1940 we would go occasionally to the Coliseum rink at Guy and Dorchester, either walking or occasionally in the Packard limousine of the Royal Bank into which nine or ten would cram two deep with sticks and dunnage bags.

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## Days of the Cane

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This was thanks to John Dobson being on the team and he was the son of the then Chief General Manager of the Royal. That Limo must have been what influenced me to join the Royal Bank where I have worked for forty years. Fire drill was great fun in those days as it involved jumping through an upstairs window and sliding down a canvas chute.

For ten years I was on the Board of Directors of the school and like everyone else became a great admirer of Robert Speirs. In a school of this size the boys contact is with the teachers and each other, but it is the headmaster who sets the standards. My headmaster, Mr. Wanstall, is remembered mostly as a man vigorously applying his bamboo cane to our bottoms. While we seemed to survive canings without trauma, it must have been damaging to a boy who failed spelling because of dyslexia or a troublemaker suffering from an

hyperactive condition. Robert Speirs was a more scholarly man whose religion was also important to him and he did not need a cane for control.

To be a recipient of the Speirs Medal is a very special honour for me having worked closely with Dr. Speirs from 1965 until his death; he was a person for whom I had the highest respect. The first three Headmasters of Selwyn House personally owned the school, staffed it almost entirely with teachers from England and modeled it on the traditional nineteenth century British style. That was the first generation. The twenty-five years Dr. Speirs was Head I see as the second generation when the school exploded in size reflecting our larger and wealthier community. We went from about 150 boys to 400 and, while some of us grumbled the school was getting too big, the Scot in Robert Speirs showed in his unwillingness to pass up the fees that parents were willing to pay.

The school is now in its third generation and no doubt has grandchildren here from the earliest classes. My own association with the school has passed from student to board member to being an Old Boy. As an Old Boy I feel I am still part of this school, although with the Toronto branch. If Old Boys see ourselves as self-appointed senators we are much better behaved than that bunch in Ottawa. However, Mr. Headmaster, I must warn you that radical changes at the school, may produce a swarm of grey-haired wasps around your head.

The school must innovate and

develop new visions for its future as our society changes. Selwyn House should be a leader in seeking better teaching methods and better ways for the boys to achieve their full potential. But that doesn't mean being a trendy or a me-too school, grasping at the latest fad. I think we have just the Headmaster for the next generation of this school.

I have felt Selwyn House, because of some fine teachers, gave me a valuable start in a lifetime of education for which I am most grateful. The school has been the source of lifetime friendships, some of which were fellow board members. One day I feel you will be saying with pride, as I do, "I went to Selwyn House". The Founder must be looking down with great satisfaction today and amazement at what a fine important institution has evolved. I am grateful to the Headmaster for having me here today as recipient of the Speirs medal, the only award I ever achieved at Selwyn House.

I never achieved honour role standards at this school and fortunately 60% was enough to enter McGill in 1945. It was there that I became motivated to study because I finally realized learning was fun. That may be later to get going today, however, I found that perseverance carried me further than I ever expected in my career. Please keep believing in yourselves, and if you do, I believe your ambitions will be realized in time.

## Remembrance Day

On November 8th, the School celebrated Remembrance Day in the Lucas Gymnasium. Following 'The Story of the Poppy' read by Dylan Adair and a recitation of "In Flanders Field" by a colour Party, the Headmaster welcomed Col. Conrad Harrington '26 and the Guest Speaker Col. John Bourne '32, past Chairman of the Board. In his address Col. Bourne spoke about the causes of war and made analogies with playground bullying, thus bringing some of the current world tensions into focus for the student body.

The ceremonies closed with the Act of Remembrance and the singing of 'O Canada'.



## Garage Sale

The Annual Garage Sale was held on October and for once we had good weather, and our sales were up over 1989. This year's total was \$9,450. Most of the profit from the Garage Sale goes towards the S.H.S. Trip Fund, but a cheque for \$500.00 was given to the Montreal Children's Hospital to be used for cancer patients.

Many thanks to all the Selwyn House parents, staff, and students who participated in telephoning, sorting, selling... and buying! A special thank you to the cooks who made the lasagna and quiche: we sold it all and, incidentally, doubled the proceeds from kitchen products.

A special thanks goes to all the volunteers that helped make the Garage Sale a tremendous success especially to Christine Krushelnyski, Anne-Marie Snabl, Pauline Tierney, Susan McGuire, Donna Herba, Francie Montgomery, Susan Mann, Sandra Tobman, Gerry Starkman, Norman Brault, Kathy Govan, Alfie Paoletti, David Cude and Julie Reid.

To Marc Krushelnyski and his staff: we appreciate your help and support: you make the Garage Sale fun for the Selwyn Community.

Renée Starkman, Nancy Pitfield, Anne Pasold

## Welcome Aboard!

Since the close of the 1989-90 school year there have been some significant additions to the School staff - academic and administrative. The Computer Science Department has been fortunate to obtain the services of William Badger, a graduate of and long-time teacher at Bishop's College School. He comes to us from St. George's School in Montreal.

The French Department has enhanced its ranks with the hiring of: Sylvie Bastien-Doss, a graduate of McGill and a specialist in the teaching of French at the Priory School, Montreal; Claudine Martel, who received her degree in Education from the Université de Montreal and comes to us after a year's teaching in Pickering, Ontario; M. Sylvain Decelles, with a Master's degree in Geography from the University of Montreal, joins the faculty to teach Géographie in Grade 7 and Grade 8.

Mr. Michael Downey comes to us from Weston School to teach Ecology in Grade 7 and Mathematics in Grade 8. He is a graduate of McGill University. The Elementary School welcomes four talented ladies to its ranks. To grade 2 come Irene Lunt (M.Ed. McGill) from the Lakeshore Board in Beaconsfield, Que. Carla Burke (BA, Univ of Michigan) from the Stanley Clark School, South Bend, Indiana. Pat Edwards (M.Ed.



Back Row: William Badger, Laurie McMurdo, Claudine Martel, Irene Lunt, Sylvain Decelles, Bonnie MacDonald and Pat Edwards  
Front Row: Linda Silver, Carla Burke and Sylvie Bastien-Doss

McGill) a teacher for many years at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School and Laurie McMurdo (M.Ed. McGill) join the staff as Generalists in Grade 3.

The Physical Education Department welcomes the addition of two new members. Mr. Marty Boyle (B. Ph. Ed. McGill) and Mr. Rob Moore (B.Sc. Toronto). The former comes to us from Weston School after several years at Lasalle High School, Montreal, the latter, a National Wrestling Coach and Wrestling Instructor at McGill University.

The Administrative Offices have also seen some new additions with the appointment of Debbie Dragone to the Accounting Office, Linda Silver to the Records and Development Office and Bonnie MacDonald to the new position of Elementary School Secretary.

## Dates to Remember

### Toronto

#### Cocktail Party

Monday, April 8, 1991

Old Boys & Friends

Albany Club

### Montreal

#### Reunion Weekend

April 26 - 29, 1991

#### Cocktails and Dinner

Monday, April 29

### Toronto

#### Fall Reunion

Monday, November 18, 1991

Old Boys & Friends

Albany Club



# SPORTS REPORT

## Beauchamp off to Dawson College

Pierre Beauchamp first arrived in 1974 to teach at Selwyn House immediately after his graduation from McGill's Faculty of Physical Education. His youthful exuberance, and his outlandishly-coloured wardrobe were welcomed somewhat guardedly by the conservative staff. Pierre's initial challenge was to rehabilitate the School's hockey programme. By learning "to check, check, check" and "pitch fork" in front of the net, the hockey teams became well respected for their technique as well as their enthusiasm. Pierre's fondest memory of that programme was the School's first, and only, GMAA Hockey Championship in 1980. Always thirsting for new knowledge and experience, Pierre was one of the first to realize Russia's contribution to hockey. Therefore, he attended a series of seminars there. The outcome of this experience resulted in his organizing a Bantam Team trip to Finland and Russia during the 1984 Christmas break. Hockey, was not the only sport that benefited from "Coach Beauche's" unusual touch.

Both his Senior and Bantam teams will remember his exhaustive half-time conditioning exercises whose purpose was to "psych-out" the resting opposition. It was difficult to know, at times, who was more confused by the team's offense, the opposition, his own team, or Pierre.

Pierre was not only an innovative coach, a tireless teacher, and a fierce competitor, he was also an excellent athlete in his own right. Certainly those who witnessed his first attempts at golf marvel at the quality of his game today, and, as a softball pitcher, Pierre was unparalleled in his ability to hit batsmen and throw wild pitches.

In 1984, Pierre assumed the position of Athletic Director and brought the Physical Education and Athletic Programme into the modern age. The complete computerization of the department, better quality uniforms and equipment and a more comprehensive physical education programme high-lighted his tenure.

Last June, Pierre was offered the opportunity to expand his horizons by teaching physical education at



Dawson College and it was with great regret that he decided to leave Selwyn House. Initially, Pierre hopes to complete his M.Ed. at McGill while at the same time to carve a niche for himself in Dawson's new and ever-expanding program. We will all miss Pierre, whether he is best remembered for his incredibly fast golf swing, his Ben Weider body, his hot temper or his low tolerance for spirits. We wish Pierre, Marisa and family all the very best.

## Terry Fox Run 1990

The Terry Fox Run took place just before the October mid-term break at King George Park in Westmount.

Each class and student was given an objective and the overall aim of the Run was to raise \$5000.00.

Along with the 530 students

were faculty and staff who ran between one and four kilometers.

Former Elementary School Director, Alain Weber, who was visiting from San Francisco, was on hand to take an active part in the Run.

Far beyond all expectations, a cheque for \$14 471.00 was

presented to the Terry Fox Foundation at a School Assembly.

Rarely does the School promote an activity where the full participation of the School takes place. Everyone should be proud of this year's efforts for a job well done.

Steve Mitchell

# Gryphons this Fall

This Fall the school fielded five soccer teams. The elementary school team improved with each game under the tutelage of new faculty member Marty Boyle. Standout performances included the goaltending of Matthew Mulligan and the sweeping abilities of Matthew Singerman.

This year's Juvenile soccer team was fortunate enough to enjoy a memorable season under the coaching of Alfie Paoletti. The team got off to a slow start; however, it battled back with grit and desire to earn respect in a tough division in the G.M.A.A. The most rewarding performance this Fall came from the members of the under-13 soccer team. The Gryphons came home from Winnipeg with the consolation championship after tying Halifax Grammar School 1-1 in the final

match. The team was led by the fleet-footed Hugo Blomfield and the hard-nosed defensive skill of Nayyar Ghadirian. Finally in soccer, Pete Govan's midgets finished a strong season with a 4-2-2 record in the G.M.A.A. The highlight of the season was a well earned victory over L.C.C. in the L.C.C. tournament. The team was led by co-captain Colin Robertson and Chris Dedicik.

On the gridiron this fall the Bantams coached by Steve Mitchell, Colin Boyle and newcomer Michael Downey made the playoffs and lost in the semi-finals to Loyola. The team had memorable victories during the season, beating Loyola, and the eventual league champions, L.C.C. The future looks bright with 24 players returning next season.

At the Senior level the team narrowly missed the playoffs. Once again Defensive coach Tom Nicoll put together a strong unit which finished 2nd in points-against in the league. This group was led by linebacker Stuart Rutledge and hard hitting defensive back Hugh McGuire. On offence, the team was inspired by tight-end Derek Bradeen whose bone-crunching blocks enabled Junior running backs Mark Spence and Tim Fleiszer to chew up valuable yardage. Next season looks promising for the Senior Gryphons with notable players returning, such as wide receiver Oliver Sasse and defensive linemen Andrew Horn, Andre Goddard and linebackers Andrew Schiffrin and Dylan Smith.

## The Senior Football Team

Senior Football experienced a mediocre season with our overall record of 5-4. Our heartbreaking loss mid-season to Notre Dame, 8-7, greatly affected our chances to reach the divisional playoffs. However, the team's determination credited us with an undefeated exhibition season including a victory over B.C.S. for the Norsworthy Cup.

Stuart Rutledge, Lucas Carsley, Hugh McGuire, John Taylor, Andrew Raisman, Derek Bradeen, Dylan Adair, and

Chung Nguyen all enjoyed outstanding seasons. These graduating players will leave the team in the capable hands of returning pivot Matthew Kerner. He will be surrounded by a strong supporting cast. These standouts included running backs Mark Spence and Tim Fleiszer, offensive lineman Jeff Lorenzetti, defensive-line, Andrew Horn and Andrew Schiffrin and defensive-backs Patrick McEntyre and Dylan Smith.

Luke Carsley

## Senior Athlete of the Year



Marc Andersen '90 & Rob Wearing

# Old Boys' Soccer

Some fifty Old Boys showed up for a most successful game under lights at the Sun Youth playing field. The weather was extremely cold, letting us know that winter was not long off. The boys, who were very active on the field, (as it was one of the means of keeping warm), included the likes of Sean McConnell '87, Ian Blachford '87, John Czaharyn '81, Charles Gelber '78, Michael Zenaitis '86, and David Pickwood '85 who somehow scored against

his own team. A couple of old timers, President, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74 and Secretary, Clive Hooton '73, showed the youngsters how to go about it.

Ben Graham rallied the class of 1986, which was well represented by Sam Sniderman, David Kaufman, Peter Morden, Andrew Bradley, Jason Hreno, and Georges Sopel to name a few.

Nick Papageorgiou '89 who was visiting from school in England, showed that he still had

what it takes to play the game. After the game many gathered nearby for poutine and a few at the Pine's.

The whole event would not have been the success it was without the cooperation of the Athletic Department and in particular Peter Govan who encouraged so many to turn out for a most enjoyable time. We look forward to future Old Boys' Sports functions. Keep posted.

## Juvenile Soccer battles through another season

This year's Juvenile Soccer team was fortunate enough to enjoy a memorable season under the inspirational coaching of Alfie "the lonesome ponderosa" Paoletti. Although we got off to a slow start, we gritted our teeth and battled to attain respect in our division. Almost every game was decided by one goal, and we proudly emerged from regular season play with one point (such statistics are grossly deceiving). Led by coaches Paoletti and Govan, we competed in the Nationwide under-18 tournament held at Bishop's College. We played hard and proved our regular season to be deceiving by posting a 3-3-1 record against the best teams in the country. Led by veteran captains Kierra O'Regan and Joel Guinness (team leading scorer), our team made up for what it lacked in raw talent with character. Rookies Andrew Horsman, John Skoda, Rudy Komsic, and

Theo Nanidis enjoyed good seasons. Jeremy "Piglet" Taylor was solid between the pipes, with experienced defensemen Jerry Jao, Nick Brown, Rob Dorfman, and Kashif Irshad in front of him. Our big-hearted midfield, consisting of veterans Dave Levenson, Charles Matouk, Julian Wainwright,

and Greg Charlap supported our strikes duo: Karl Werleman and Rob Geller. With 94% of the team moving onto bigger and better things, you can rest assured other teams breath a sigh of relief as a Selwyn soccer dynasty comes to a close.

Julian Wainwright '91

## New to the Sportsman Guild



Front: Joel Guinness, Lucas Carsley, Stuart Rutledge, Robbie Johnston  
Back: Mr. William Mitchell, Mr. Tom Birks '61, Marc Andersen, Ron Simpson, Chris Hatton, Anthony Brown, Keith Macdonald, Richard Sabbagh

# Selwyn House

## Alumni News

Erik Austin '77 is the General Manager and part owner of New World River Expeditions which is located in Calumet, Quebec near Hawkesbury, Ontario.

The Grade XI Orientation Weekend took place at his establishment, where the boys participated in white-water rafting, horse back-riding and mountain-biking.

Erik and his team did a super job looking after the boys who returned to Montreal tired but ready to face the challenge of their senior year.

Carl Brabander '88 has recently graduated from Centennial College where he was awarded the "Citizenship Award". This award is presented to the student who maintains high academic standards while at the same time keeps good relations with others and sets a good example for the School. He is currently studying English at McGill.

Michael Bruneau '88, who is currently attending Bridgton Academy in Maine, where he is a scholar - athlete and has been recognized and honoured by the Maine Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the student senate and has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Talat Chughtai '85 has been accepted into the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University after graduation with "Great Distinction" and as a "University Scholar" from McGill's Faculty of Arts and Science.

Eugene Dimitriou '88 has completed Brébeuf where he received an award for Greatest Contribution to student life. He is currently attending the University of Waterloo in Mathematics.

John A. Drummond '67 visited the School this last summer with his wife Sharon and their three daughters, Jennifer, Sarah

and Katie. As a result of this visit he became the Chairman of the Calgary reunion which was held in October 1990.

J. Gordon Hutchison '30 informs us that he is in fact living in Calgary and not Hawaii as we had him listed. We don't know which is better, especially during these cold months.

Mike Lavendel '70 writes to inform us that he is currently working for Air Canada in the technical operations branch - material sales. He is married to Chantal Gagnard of Montreal and they have three children, Ysabel (13), Jesse (10) and Willy (8). He would be pleased to hear from his classmates of 1970.

Robert Levy '77 and his wife, Patricia, have set up a consulting firm, Levy and Company in Geneva. They provide services to Canadian and European clients involved in cross-border real estate investment, East European joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions. They would be very happy to hear from Old Boys passing through Geneva. Their home number is (33) 50-87-23-63 Annemasse, France which is on the Swiss-French border.

John D. Light '70 is Head Process Engineer of Advanced Technology and Research Co-ordination in the Engineering and Construction Department of Shell Canada Ltd. in Calgary, Alberta. John and Lorraine are proud parents of three sons Gregory 7, Vincent 4, and Oliver 1.

Andrew MacKay '82 informed us that last September, Chris Mather '76 flew in his U.S. Airforce jet to Plattsburg from California, to spend a weekend in

## Academic Awards 1990



Left to Right: Richard Brooks, Nha Voduc, Sina Ghadirian, Robbie Johnston, Lucas Carsley, David James, Ronnie Sir Deshpande, Ian Kronish, Prosanto Chaudhury

Montreal. We are informed that he is training pilots on the West Coast and is looking forward to working in commercial aviation in the near future.

**Michael Meighen '53** has been appointed to the Senate as a representative of Ontario. He was the former national president of the Progressive Conservative Party. He is a partner in the law firm Meighen Demers. In 1985-86, he was co-counsel on the Royal Commission on War Criminals.

**Andrew Smith '87** dropped into the School at the end of August, along with **Ravi Nayar '87**, who is in commerce at Concordia. Andrew was visiting in Montreal from England where he, his brother **James '85** and family are now living. Andrew is studying law at Hull University in North Humberside, while James is doing the same at Newcastle University.

## In Memory

**Henri G. Lafleur '22** died on November 12th, 1990 in Montreal. Upon Mr. Wanstall's death in 1945, Mr. Lafleur became one of the founding members and bondholders of the Selwyn House Association. He continued to show a keen interest in the School and to generously support it in its fund-raising campaigns. He is survived by his wife, Celia, and sons Anthony '45 and Henri '45 and grandson Sean '80.

**Reginald Howard Webster '24** died on August 19th, 1990. He was a long-time friend and benefactor of the School having included it amongst his many interests in educational institutions. The school's new laboratories and the acquisition of St. Andrew's Church are due in large part to his generosity. He was the brother of the late Colin and Stewart; survived by brother **Richard '25** and Eric and sister Marian (Mrs. John H. Taylor) and 18 nephews and nieces including **Philip '61** and grandnephews **Campbell '78**, **Stewart '89**, **Adam '88** and **Howard '90**.

**Daniel Sweeney '85**, along with **Geoffrey Moore '83**, is currently working for David Berger, Liberal M.P. and is Chairman of a Committee on International Affairs, whose responsibility involves developing

and recommending two foreign policy positions for the Liberal Party of Canada by May 1991.

**Robert Tombs '72** is attending Yale School of Fine Arts in New Haven, Connecticut, studying towards a Master of Arts degree.

## Births

To **Donald '78** and **Catharine Bloxam** a daughter, Bailey Cathleen, on June 14, 1990 in Vancouver.

To **Bryan '74** and **Nancy Fitzpatrick**, a son, Andrew Nelson, on April 4, 1990 in Montreal.

To **Richard Groome '76** and **Penelope Heselton**, a daughter, Alexandra Marie, on July 11, 1990 in Montreal.

To **Eric and Diane Kaplan '71**, a girl, Sarah Jean, a sister to Stephanie on April 17, 1990 in Montreal.

To **Helaine Tecks and Oliver Bleuer**, a son, Austin Samuel, on November 7, 1990 in Montreal. A brother to Morgan

To **Gregory '68** and **Dale Weil**, a daughter, Nicola Dale, on April 2, 1990 in Montreal. A sister to Tanya, Alexander, and Amanda.

To **Bruce '77** and **Beatrijs Williams**, a son, Patrick Joseph, on October 21, 1990 in Toronto. A brother to Martijn.

## Marriages

**Toby Lennox '79** to **Diana Hilton** on September 22, 1990 at Elmhirst's Resort, Rice Lake, Ontario. **Willie McNally '79** was best man.

**Robert Levy '77** to **Patricia Cherthow** on April 1, 1990 in La Chaux-de-Fonds Switzerland. **Stephen Scott '77** and his wife, Linda, were present at the celebrations.

## Obituaries

**Montgomery, The Honourable George H. '26** on July 16, 1990 in Montreal. Wife of Mary (née Martin), father of Janet, Phyllis, George, John, Peter and Sandy. A memorial service was held in August at St. Mathias Church, in Westmount.

**Ozolins, Harry**, suddenly in Oakville, Ontario, on October 15, 1990. Husband of Austra and father of **Marty '93** and **Larisa**.

**Prescesky, Stewart Douglas '80**, in June, 1990, in Montreal.

**Zyto, Victor**. Accidentally on Wednesday, November 14th 1990. Husband of Sharon and father of **Jonathan '80** and **Timothy '82**.

# Help us find your missing classmates for this year's Reunions

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D. Giles Entwistle  
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